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The Honorable Max Baucus  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Attention: "MTB"**

Sent via email to: [mtb2009@finance-dem.senate.gov](mailto:mtb2009@finance-dem.senate.gov)

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re:** Public Comments in Opposition of Legislation to Suspend Temporarily  
the Duty on Modified Steel Leaf Spring Leaves, **S. 1978**

Dear Senators Baucus and Grassley:

I write on behalf of our employees at Dayton Parts in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to express our opposition to S. 1978, legislation which would temporarily suspend the duty on modified steel leaf spring leaves. This measure was introduced by Senator Maria Caldwell (WA) on October 28, 2009 and is currently pending in the Senate Committee on Finance. These comments have been submitted to the Committee for inclusion in the public record pursuant to the press release issued by the Committee on November 2, 2009 which requested written comments on miscellaneous measures which were introduced in the 111th Congress that may be considered for inclusion in an omnibus miscellaneous tariff bill.

Dayton Parts, LLC is a U.S. producer of leaf spring leaves which are manufactured products used to make the suspension for trucks and trailers. Dayton Parts makes these products in the United States for an array of U.S. customers in the trucking industry.

The temporary suspension of duties on these products would harm our business and our workers as it would allow competitors to bring in products without a duty. We at Dayton Parts along with our 230 employees are committed to making a quality product with our skilled workforce. We want to continue to carry out these services for our valued customers. We believe the provisions of a duty suspension on this product would threaten our domestic operations and create an unfair advantage to importers of this product.



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It is our understanding that in evaluating the bill the Committee will determine whether there is domestic production of the product and if there is any opposition to the legislation. As we stated earlier in this letter, Dayton Parts, LLC makes a similar product and as a result must oppose this bill. Therefore we would respectfully request that S. 1978 not be included in the final Senate miscellaneous tariff bill.

On behalf of all of us at Dayton Parts we thank you for providing us with this opportunity to comment on this important legislation. In the interim, should you or your staff have any questions please contact me at (717) 255-8540.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Smalley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Gary Smalley  
President and CEO

Cc: Hon. Arlen Specter, U.S. Senate (PA)  
Hon. Bob Casey, U.S. Senate (PA)